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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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SUBJECT: International Communism

1. In connection with the USIA Survey, the Director requested that Mr. Richard Bissell discuss with Mr. W. Park Armstrong the possibility of locating in this Agency the responsibility for intelligence research on international communism. In preparation for these discussions, Mr. Bissell has asked me to set up a briefing session with Agency experts in this field.

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2. It would be appreciated if [ ] and their associates, or others from DDP who may be designated as appropriate, would meet in Rm. 1128 M Building at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 15 September, to discuss in some detail the following questions:

(a) The nature of the needs of the Agency components for research on international communism;

(b) A critique of the quality and quantity of the materials on international communism produced by the Department of State and elsewhere within the last year or so;

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(c) The specific gaps which as yet remain unfulfilled in the production of the State Department or that of other agencies on this subject.

  
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